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MASSACHUSETTS MAN CHARGED WITH BANK ROBBERY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Senior Supervisory Agent in Charge Jay Fallon of the FBI, and Stratham Police Chief Michael Daley today announced that Joseph Thibault 32, of Barrington, New Hampshire, and West Boylston, Massachusetts, was indicted by a grand jury for the District of New Hampshire on one count of bank robbery. Thibault was charged with robbing the Citizens Bank, Route 108, Stratham, New Hampshire on June 22, 2004.

Thibault was arraigned on July 2, 2004, in the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire. A trial is scheduled for September 8, 2004, at the United States District Court in Concord. Thibault was detained pending the trial. The penalty for bank robbery is a sentence of up to 20 years. The United States Sentencing Guidelines generally provide for a sentence that is less than the 20 year maximum.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Stratham Police participated in the investigation and apprehension of Thibault. U.S. Attorney Colantuono expressed his appreciation for the cooperative effort by these agencies in locating and capturing the defendants.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Don Feith.

Please note that a criminal indictment is only an allegation and not proof of criminal conduct. As in all criminal cases, the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.